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Regional Human Services Levy Oversight Board (RHSLOB)

Meeting Summary

May 23, 2012, 2-4 p.m.

Beacon Hill Library - Seattle

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Brasch at 2:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Kathy Brasch, Kathy Hadaller Loran Lichty, Edith Loyer Nelson, David Ramsay, Kate Slaminko

Board Members Excused/Absent: None

County Staff Present: George Dignan, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Debora Gay, DCHS; Laird Heia, DCHS; Jon Hoskins, DCHS, Marcy Kubbs, DCHS

Guests: Doug Hoople, Emily Yette, PHSKC

Review of Meeting Summary

The March 14, 2012 RHSLOB meeting summary was approved by consent as written.

Update on Levy Fund Balance Ordinance – Debora Gay

Debora Gay provided an update on the Levy Fund Balance Ordinance developed to deal with funds available from savings due to under-expenditure and increased revenue over of the life of the 2006-2011 levy. She reminded members that at the April Joint Oversight Board meeting members were asked for their feedback on the working draft of the priorities the King County Executive had proposed for spending these dollars.

Debora shared that staff took board members input very seriously and the latest draft department proposal and allocation plan for the expenditure of the additional Human Services Levy funds that incorporates the board recommendations. These recommendations were to direct funds to the Mobile Medical Van, Youth/Young Adult housing capital and services, development of a Youth/ Young Adult Homelessness Plan and depression intervention for Seniors (PEARLS).

Discussion



- Board members expressed their appreciation for the job staff provided to clearly reflect the Human Services board members' recommended priorities.
- Board members would like to receive periodic updates of the Youth capital and services projects.
- Board members would also like an update on the Youth and Young Adult initiative that is under the direction of the Committee to End Homelessness. Staff will arrange for a presentation by Bill Block, Project Director of the Committee to End Homelessness in the coming months.

Implementation Plan Review - 4.2 Maternal depression reduction – Emily Yette, Public Health, Seattle & King County

Emily provided an overview for Activity 4.2, Maternal Depression Reduction program. The activity's objective is to increase the mental health of low-income mothers by providing integrated mental health screening and treatment to address maternal depression. Clinics participating in the program use a collaborative, stepped care model to deliver services to identify and treat depression and other common mental health disorders. This model guides the nursing, primary care, and mental health providers to collaborate successfully to diagnose and treat depression in the primary care clinics. This care is coupled with an online tracking system to coordinate care between primary care and mental health/chemical dependency providers. Improved communications between treatment providers ensure better clinical outcomes and conserves program resources.

Discussion

In response to questions, the following additional information was provided.

- The clinic tracks clinical outcomes and repeated standardized assessments.
- There is no time limit for services.
- All individuals who visit the clinics are initially screened by completing the Public Health Questionnaire that includes nine questions.
- 2600 clients were screened for depression so far this year and included 600 who screened positive for depression. Of those 600, 62% showed clinically significant improvement which is a tremendous success rate compared to what occurs nationwide. PHSKC believes the success is due to the training and support provided to the clinics by PHSKC plus the addition of the psychiatric evaluation.
- Loran appreciated the two page evaluation summary provided by the evaluation team.

Chair's Report

No Chair's report.

Staff Report

Marcy Kubbs

- The 2011 Annual Report is due to Council on June 30, 2012.
- The Employment Services RFP closes on Friday, May 25. Forty people attended the bidder's conference and 140 applications have been submitted. David Ramsay will be on the review panel.

- At the board's request, levy staff researched various DCHS board policies regarding members who were repeatedly absent from meetings. Marcy reviewed some of the policies with board members and indicated staff will draft language for the board to review. .
- General Colin Powell will be speaking at the Westin in Downtown Seattle on Wednesday, June 6 from 8-9 pm.
- Don Moreland's memorial will be held on Friday, May 25.

Debora Gay

- The budget ordinance to appropriate the levy carryover will potentially be placed before council in July and August with funding released in September.
- The Levy Annual Report will be in front of the Law Justice Health and Human Services committee August 28 and will then most likely be sent to the Regional Policy Committee in August. Board Chairs may be called on to present to Council at these meetings. Staff will be sure to communicate the dates once they are confirmed.
- Future meeting dates:
 - Joint Board meeting - June 28 from 2-4pm
 - RHSLOB - Wednesday, July 18, 2-4pm
 - VCLOB - Thursday, July 19, 2-4pm

Old Business

Board members would like an update on the letter Jackie MacLean, DCHS Department Director, is writing to Council members to encourage nominations for open board positions.

New Business

None.

Petitions/Communications (Public Comment)

Loran is taking 44 people from his church to build three houses in Mexico. The concept they use is similar to that of Habitat for Humanity where the church works with the family to build the homes.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.